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1. PRIME MINISTER PINDLING OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED ON AUG. 5
THE TWELVE PLP MEMBERS WHO WILL TAKE THEIR SEATS IN THE NEW
SIXTEEN MEMBER SENATE WHICH CONVENES ON OCTOBER 20. OF THE
TWELVE ONLY THREE ARE HOLDOVERS FROM THE LAST SENATE AND
ONE, KENDALL NOTTAGE, THE NEW MINISTER OF YOUTH, COMMUNITY
AFFAIRS, AND SPORTS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.

2. THE TWELVE PLP SENATE MEMBERS ARE IN ADDITION TO NOTTAGE:
DR. DORIS LOUISE JOHNSON, AN EDUCATOR AND RELIGIOUS
LEADER, WHO SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE LAST SENATE.
LOCHINVAR HARRISON LOCKHART, A BUSINESSMAN AND VICE
PRESIDENT OF THE LAST SENATE.

MRS. MIZPAH TERTULIEN, A PSYCHOLOGIST AND A MEMBER OF
THE LAST SENATE.

SCHERLIN C. BOOTLE, DEPUTY SPEAKER IN THE LAST HOUSE
OF ASSEMBLY, AND AN ELDER STATESMAN.

JEFFREY M. THOMPSON, A BARRISTER-AT-LAW, AND A
FORMER MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT.

AUSTIN H. GRANT, JR., BUSINESSMAN AND THE OWNER OF
THE STAR HOTEL, WEST END, GRAND BAHAMA.

EDWIN L. COLEBY, CONSUMERS SERVICE SUPERINTENDENT
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AT THE BAHAMAS ELECTRICITY CORPORATION.

EDISON M. KEY, AN ABACO-BORN FARMER, AND A RESIDENT
OF MARSH HARBOUR.

ROBERT "BOB" GARDINER, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE
BAHAMAS HOTEL AND CATERING WORKERS' UNION.

BERLIN D. PRATT, SECRETARY OF THE ST. JOHN'S NATIVE
BAPTIST SOCIETY AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PROGRESSIVE

LIBERAL PARTY.

CALVIN NEILLY, PLP FUNCTIONARY - MEMBER OF PARTY'S
POLITICAL COMMITTEE, AIRPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY AND BOARD
MEMBER OF BAHAMAS ELECTRIC CORPORATION.

3. THE OPPOSITION BDP ANNOUNCED ITS FOUR MEMBERS AUGUST 8.
THEY INCLUDE MRS. JANET BOSTWICK, WIFE OF BDP LEADER J.
HENRY BOSTWICK, ATTORNEY AND UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE IN
THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTIONS. ORVILLE TURNQUIST, ATTORNEY
AND HOLDOVER FROM THE FORMER SENATE, ARTHUR FOULKES,
WRITER AND ALSO FORMER SENATOR, AND EDMUND MOXEY, FORMER
PLP BACKBENCHER WHO JOINED THE BDP ONLY TO LOOSE HIS BID
FOR A HOUSE SEAT. LIKE MRS. BOSTWICK AND MR. MOXEY,
BOTH TURNQUIST AND FOULKES WERE ALSO REJECTED AT THE POLLS
DURING THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTIONS.

4. WHILE THE SENATE IS LARGELY AN HONORARY BODY
WITH LITTLE POWER, IT NEVERTHELESS OFFERS THE OPPOSITION
A PUBLIC FORUM TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS TO THE NATION -
LARGELY THROUGH THE PRESS - AND ALL FOUR OPPOSITION
SENATORS ARE EFFECTIVE AND ABLE TO DEBATE.

5. IN THE MEANTIME FNM "LEADER" CECIL WALLACE-WHITFIELD
HAS ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE STATING THAT HIS PARTY WILL
GO TO COURT TO CHALLENGE THE ABSENCE OF AN FNM SENATOR IN
THE PARLIAMENT, (HE CLAIMS THE BDP WAS ONLY ENTITLED TO
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THREE) DEMONSTRATING EVEN AFTER THE FACT THAT THE FNM
AND BDP ARE AS INTERESTED IN COMBATTING EACH OTHER AS
THEY ARE IN OPPOSING THE PLP.
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